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**MATULA**

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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRETREATING  
PAPER PULP**

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Responsive to the Office Action mailed October 1, 2001, please amend the above application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 8-18 without prejudice or disclaimer to their being presented in a later filed divisional application.

**REMARKS**

Applicant elects the claims of Group I, namely claims 1 through 7 drawn to a method of pre-treating paper pulp for prosecution in the instant application. Claims 8

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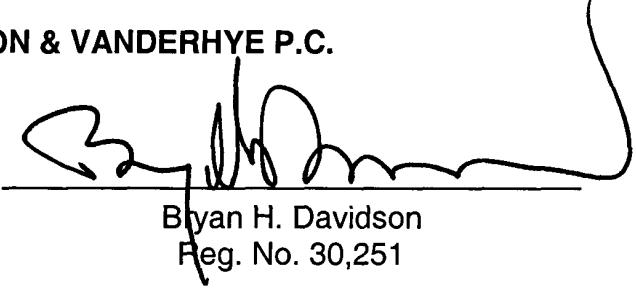
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through 18 are being cancelled subject to possible presentation in a later filed divisional application.

An Action on the merits of claims 1 through 7 is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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